

Community Home Share Program



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Why FP4H?

- Support a faith-based movement dedicated to the mission that everyone gets a home.
- Join a group of resourceful, informed and motivated churches and individuals who are up to date on the latest local housing issues and opportunities.
- Partner with FP4H for strength in numbers. Mobilizing the faith community to tackle housing issues together and in union sends a clear message to our local government leaders that we are united in tackling one of the main civic issues of our times. Affordable housing for all.
- Provide input now into long range housing plans and policies for a better future that desires a home for everyone.

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Community Home Sharing Program

- Faith Partners for Housing Community Home Share Program provides the opportunity to connect people, who are at housing risk.
- **Home Providers may benefit by:**
 - 1) Being over housed, they have access to an additional source of income.
 - 2) Seniors have the opportunity to age in place.
 - 3) Help with household chores and maintenance.
- **Home Seekers may benefit from:**
 - 1) Below market rent.
 - 2) Safer more secure housing option than renting a room.
 - 3) A place to call home.
- **Results:**
 - Building stronger relationships through home sharing, we hope will bring individuals and our communities closer together.

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Why Home Sharing is a Key Piece of the Affordable housing puzzle?

- Seniors would have the opportunity to age in place by creating the circumstances needed to keep seniors living in their homes for as long as they can with a little help and additional income.
- Vulnerable populations, working professionals, students, those at-risk of homelessness, single parents, or simply persons wishing to share their life and home with others. For these people, home sharing offers companionship, affordable housing, security, mutual support and much more.
- Allows for below market rent that is affordable to those on fixed incomes.
- Home Share benefits neighborhoods by making efficient use of existing housing stock, helping to preserve the fabric of the neighborhood

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How Home Sharing Works

- Utilizes our faith partners and our community partners to obtain referrals for volunteers, home providers, and home seekers.
- Have home providers and home seekers fill out all necessary paperwork and will meet with the Community Manager or a volunteer to talk about The Home Share Program and how it works and conduct the initial interview.
- Community Manager will go over matches with home providers and home seekers and set up any interviews with matches.
- Once two participants mutually agree to consider a match, there will be a two-week trial period to see if they are compatible.
- When a match has been confirmed after a trial period, the Home Share Community Manager will facilitate a Home Share Agreement

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How do we Assure Success?

- There are risks when living with someone you don't know. However, FP4H will take the following steps to bring the risk down significantly:
1. Both home seekers and providers will have background checks to ensure there is no criminal record or pending charges of harm to property or person and no substantiated case of abuse of any kind.
 2. Personal references are consulted.
 3. Individuals are interviewed by The Community Manager of The Home Share Program, to ensure they meet all qualifications and are a good fit for the program.
 4. The Community Manager takes all information gathered from, applications, references, and interviews to carefully vet matches.
 5. Information on fair housing laws will be given to both Home Providers and Home Seekers.
 6. The Community Manager continues to check in with the matches on a bi-weekly basis for up to 3 months after a match is made.



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Home Sharing is becoming a National Movement!

Did you know there are over 60 Home Share Programs nationwide?

Below are some programs nationally:

- <https://www.homesharevermont.org/>
 - Vermont home share has been in existence since 1982, they also started the National Shared Housing Resource Center <https://nationalsharedhousing.org/>
- <https://sharesonomacounty.org/>
 - Share Sonoma Started in 2014, targeting seniors with too much house as providers.

Below are some local programs:

- <https://homeshareoregon.org/>
 - For residents who live in Oregon
- <https://associatedministries.org/>
 - Tacoma's Home Share program has been around for quite a few years and recently merged with Associated Ministries a faith based organization that has been involved with helping the communities of Pierce county since 1960.



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How to Get Involved



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Monthly FP4H Coalition
Meeting Every 3rd
Thursday @ 2PM. Next one
April 21st



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